

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2997
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REVISION OF COST NORMS OF NUTRITION FOOD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Government to consider the increase of the free nutritious food norms from Rs. 1 per child a day to Rs. 2; and

(b) if so, the action taken or being taken to implement the court's direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b) The Supreme Court, vide its order dated 29.4.2004, inter-alia, directed the Union of India to consider revision in the norms for supply of nutritious food worth Re. 1/- for every child fixed in the year 1991. In compliance with the direction of the Supreme Court, the Government of India examined the matter and has issued revised guidelines, on 19.10.2004, almost doubling the cost norms of supplementary nutrition.